

March 16, 2004

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill No 806 to correct an unintended consequence of Chapter 1132, Statutes of 2002. Chapter 1132 established standards for wage scales in specified service contracts with the State by imposing a requirement that all employees working under a contract with the State of California be paid 85 percent of the wages and benefits that would be paid if the job were held by a state employee. Those requirements put persons with developmental disabilities who work in such contracts in jeopardy of losing current and future job opportunities to work for the State.

AB 806 will ensure that developmentally disabled persons continue to have job opportunities and work to become self-sufficient without increasing costs to the State.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger